

# Do you Have A Preschooler With Autism?



Researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, seek children 2-4 years old diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Researchers want to learn if donepezil (Aricept®), which has shown to increase the amount of time children with autism spend in REM sleep, can improve communication skills in children with ASD.

## **Your child may not be eligible if he/she:**

- ♦ Has serious, unstable illnesses including, respiratory, or cardiovascular disease
- ♦ Has neurological disorders such as seizure, metabolic, or movement disorders

## **Study Information:**

- ♦ This study will involve outpatient and inpatient (overnight) visits and will be conducted at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland
- ♦ Your child will be screened with different tests including a sleep test study. You may sleep in the room with your child
- ♦ Your child will be assigned to take once a day donepezil or placebo (sugar pill) capsule for 6 months
- ♦ Follow-up visits will include behavioral assessment and will occur every 3 months over an 18 month period
- ♦ Transportation may be provided
- ♦ Parents must give permission for minors to participate

**Location:** The NIH Clinical Center, America's research hospital, is located on the Metro red line (Medical Center stop) in Bethesda, Maryland. Parking is provided at no cost.

**For more information call:**

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**Online, [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov)**

**Refer to study # 13-M-0164**

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